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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD
SUBJECT: Operations in the LANYARD Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record by [redacted]
[redacted] subject: Current State of
Project LANYARD; dated 18 April 1962
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1. I have just read the report submitted by [redacted]
[redacted] on the meeting held on 13 April 1962 between CIA and the
Director of Special Projects, OSAF, regarding certain areas of
interest in the LANYARD program.

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2. Throughout the report there is evidence that General Greer
regards the LANYARD program as one in which the Central Intelligence
Agency has a supporting rather than a joint role. His desire to
circumvent the terms of the original agreement in regards to the
distribution of concurrent copies of LANYARD project communications
between the three parties is an example of a trend that may extend into
the operational area.

3. It is my understanding that there was some discussion on
General Greer's proposal to do the E-4 camera system operation on
the West Coast. This trend alarms me for the following reasons:

a. Under Operations, in the agreement, the Agency is
charged with planning, direction, and control of the camera
program as it now exists under the CORONA program. In fact
this is the method of operation in all DPD programs: plan, direct,

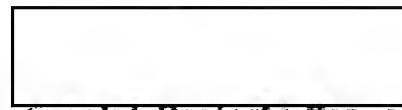
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and control from Washington. In the next sentence of the LANYARD agreement it is possible to see this concept being eroded away. Quote, "These activities will include participation in all phases by personnel of the Director of Special Projects, USAF, and the Director, Office of Space Systems, USAF." Exactly how this sentence is interpreted by the three parties to the agreement can well determine how the Agency is to meet its agreed responsibilities.

b. This leased into LANYARD operations could have far reaching effects in present and future programs now under CIA control and in which the USAF has management interests.

4. It is not clear to me if new agreements will have to be written for each modification accepted in the LANYARD agreement as amended by Major General Greer or if renegotiations will be required. The movement of the Contracting Office, Operations Center, and assignment of Lt. Colonel Murphy as liaison officer responsible only to Major General Greer, along with the control of Agency communications facilities will effectively remove CIA/DPD from operational control of satellite overhead reconnaissance as it pertains to future programs. It then remains to be seen if such control becomes retroactive and includes CORONA.

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